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SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report #3

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

2. We, this week, are arranging for withdrawal from the FSI, on a basis of performance, an OSI employee who recently was transferred from an LAS course to a special program at the FSI. Withdrawal is based upon recommendation of the FSI. Decision followed a detailed discussion between C/LAS and and of OSI.

3. Interviews have been held with (NEA) and former JOT preparatory to QRP's this week considering requests for language training.

4. On 16 January, QRP's certified (FE) for the FSI nine-month Cambodian course beginning in February, and (Log) for the FSI sixteen-week German course.

5. has forwarded a firm commitment of an ample number of enrollees for both France-Basic Country Survey #1 and France-Integrated Language/Area Study #1. Included were names of six prospective students, as well as seven auditors for certain lectures, in the BCS and four students for the IL/AS. This was the first advance commitment of its kind we have even received concerning the area program and is real evidence of WE's keen interest in these new courses.

6. Organization of France-Basic Country Survey #1 has been completed by Several of the prospective guest lecturers, including Leroy Benoit, Chief of Language and Area Training at USIA, have told us without reservation that we have tapped the best people in Washington. The higher than usual level of prospective students' qualifications will permit us to make this an intermediate course, on the threshold of a seminar.

7. (FE) advise that 3 or 4 candidates from their shop may be forthcoming for France-Integrated Language/Area Study #1,

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which will be our first full-time intermediate French course. Emphasis will be on building up a capability to discuss public affairs, using materials on France and the French Union. [] will check out interest in FE, NEA, and EE. 25X1

8. EE has turned down our effort, through PO/TR, to obtain [] as principal instructor in the prospective Hungary-Basic Country Survey #1. Two months have passed since our approach, and [] is still without reassignment, five months after his return from overseas. The unprecedented interest in this course continues. 25X1

9. Mrs. [] in her incidental but time-consuming capacity as LAS Librarian, deserves commendation for apprehending a book thief! Mrs. [] had politely - and for good reason - refused this person a particular book, but a few minutes later our librarian spotted him walking out of the library with the book - unfortunately for him - clumsily hidden. Mrs. [] proving eternal vigilance is the price of maintaining the LAS library, went after him, requested and obtained the return of the book. 25X1

10. George Beck of the Commerce Department contacted [] and informed him about a bi-weekly analysts' discussion group on the Far East. [] passed the information on to ORR. 25X1

11. [] of Commo in arranging orientation briefing for personnel going to [] 25X1

12. [] provided bibliographic information on the Eastern Satellite countries for IO Division at the request of Mr. [] IO planning officer. 25X1

13. [] has informed us that foreign language translation tradecraft guides will soon be available for LAS use. 25X1

14. [] and conferred with Messrs. [] and [] concerning the installation of more adequate cooking facilities at [] has completed a study of domestic semi-commercial and commercial cooking equipment and selected, with the concurrence of [] and [] a range adequate for our purposes. 25X1

15. [] this week in a regular language exercise. 25X1

16. On 15 January, [] on the progress of the testing program. 25X1

17. On 17 January, Prof. [] was contacted by mail to determine whether he can compose an Icelandic proficiency test. 25X1

18. During the week, [] worked on preparing the Greek test and Mrs. [] on the French test. 25X1